Semiquincentennial Committee (Menotomy 250)

Meeting No. 3: February 28, 2023 (via Zoom), 7:00 PM

Committee members attending: Angela Olszewski (chair), Stewart Ikeda, Bob Tosi, Michael Ruderman. John Hurd joined the meeting at the halfway point. All votes taken were unanimous.

Guests: Laurie Bogdan, DJ Beauregard

After accepting the provisions of the Governor's emergency order allowing public meetings by virtual attendance, the Committee voted to organize itself and the volunteers to be recruited into eight working groups: Funding and Finance; Events; Marketing and Publicity; Diversity, Equity and Inclusion; Outreach and Communication; Visitor Experience; Arts and Culture; and History and Education.

Minutes of the prior meeting held February 14, 2023 were approved.

The Committee lacks a majority of its anticipated members (see the table at the foot of these minutes.) Angela will reach out to various appointing authorities and ask them to make their picks between now and our next meeting. On Stewart's suggestion, we will ask John Hurd (Selectman and Committee member) to post the openings for members of the public on the Town's website page of volunteer opportunities, and also to consult with the Town Manager for the names of persons that expressed their interest (in addition to Michael, the TM's appointee) to him.

Bob has reserved the main hall of the Senior Center for a committee meeting to receive public input. This will be Thursday May 11, from 1:00 to 2:30. Angela and Stewart with Laurie will look for other dates and places. Stewart will send committee members the invites to contribute to a Google Drive folder "Menotomy 250." This, in fact, is the name we can use (according to the Select Board) for branding and advertising our work (and it comports with numerous state and national organizations' names, including "250th American Revolution Anniversary Commission" of Massachusetts and America250.org.)

Bob will also coordinate with Patsy Kraemer to publicize the committee at the April 25 meeting of the Historical Society.

Stewart will host the next meeting of this committee, again via Zoom on March 15 at 7:30 PM.

The meeting closed at 8:04 PM. Minutes taken by Michael Ruderman.

Members of the Committee as of this date, by their Appointing Authorities Select Board John Hurd **School Committee** Arlington Tourism and Economic Development (A-Angela Olszewski TED) Committee Town Meeting (per the Michael Ruderman Moderator) Arlington Historical Society **Bob Tosi** Arlington Delegation to the Battle Road Scenic Byway Committee Chamber of Commerce Beth Locke Arlington Commission for Arts Stewart Ikeda and Culture Menotomy Minutemen Jacob Schiller Appointees of the Select Board (2)